

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes X
no _____

Property Name: Hammond's Addition Historic District Inventory Number: AL-VI-D-307
Address: MD Route 35 City: Westernport Zip Code: 21562
County: Allegany USGS Topographic Map: Westernport
Owner: multiple Is the property being evaluated a district? X yes
Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
Project: Westernport Odd Fellows Hall Feasibility Study Agency: CDBG
Site visit by MHT staff: X no _____ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? _____ yes X no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district _____ yes Eligible district _____ yes Name of District: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource _____ yes _____ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context _____ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible X yes _____ no

Criteria: X A B X C _____ D Considerations: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____ E _____ F _____ G _____ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:
MIHP Form

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

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The Hammond's Addition Historic District is eligible for the National Register as a well preserved example of a coal and railroad town in Allegany County. It maintains its historic character and integrity and conveys a sense of architectural continuity.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: X A B X C _____ D Considerations: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____ E _____ F _____ G _____ None

MHT Comments

Determination based upon 1982 MIHP form and 2000 DOE for the AL-VI-D-311.

Tania Georgiou Tully ✓
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Reviewer, NR Program

September 18, 2002

Date

10/30/02

Date

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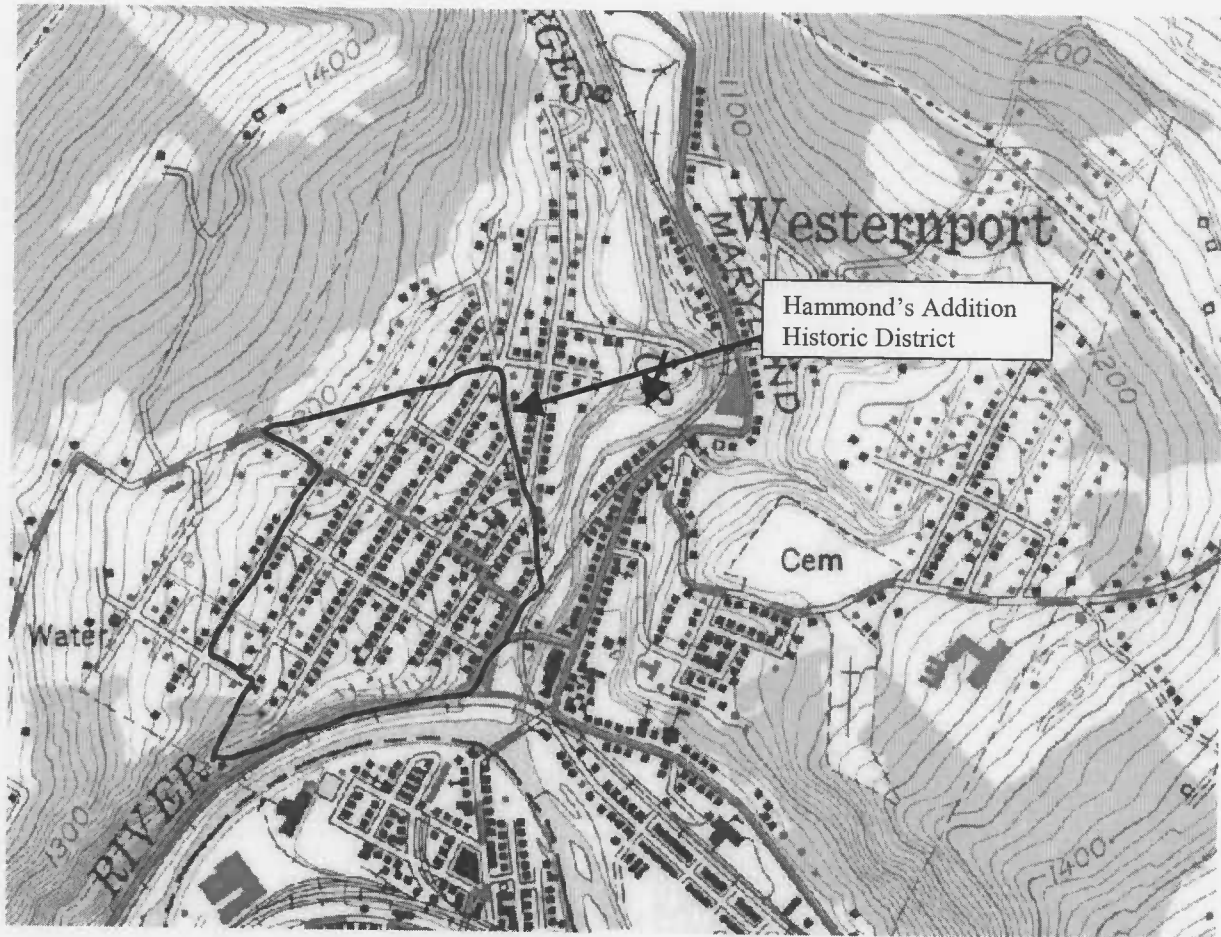
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Hammond's Addition Historic District

Westernport, Allegany County

Westernport Quad



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Westernport
Private

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Thomas Hammond for whom the addition was named, was a land speculator from Frederick, Maryland.

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AL-VI-D-307
MAGI #0112844538
NRD

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Hammond's Addition Historic District

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

MD Route 35

CITY, TOWN

Westernport

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

. 6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT

— BUILDING(S)

— STRUCTURE

— SITE

— OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

— PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

— BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

— IN PROCESS

— BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

— UNOCCUPIED

— WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

— YES: UNRESTRICTED

— NO

PRESENT USE

— AGRICULTURE

— COMMERCIAL

— EDUCATIONAL

— ENTERTAINMENT

— GOVERNMENT

— INDUSTRIAL

— MILITARY

— MUSEUM

— PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

— RELIGIOUS

— SCIENTIFIC

— TRANSPORTATION

— OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Multiple Ownership

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

AL-VI-D-307

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR
☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The early development of Hammond's Addition occurred on Front Street and Hammond Street, nearer the bottom of the mountain. Practically all of the early buildings survive with the exception of those in the southern corner of the addition which were removed during the construction of Maryland Route 135. Early construction within the district is characterized by vernacular-styled frame dwellings. These buildings are typically 2 stories tall, 3 bays wide gable-roofed structures with stone foundations based on the "L" or "T" plan. Examples are 342 Front Street (MHT-AL-VI-D-210) and 415 Hammond Street.

A grocery store at 215 Rock Street is a typical Italianate-styled commercial building dating from the mid-to-late 19th century. The 2 story, 3 bay frame structure exhibits the symmetry, shed roof, and cornice common to the style.

The International Order of Odd Fellows Hall #91 at 310 Front Street (MHT-AL-VI-D-194) is an example of late Greek Revival architecture. The 2 story, 3 bay brick structure exhibits the simple molding and triangular pediment common to the style. Paired scrolled brackets with pendants may reveal the influence of Italianate architecture on this transitional era building.

Many buildings dating from the last two decades of the 19th century are located within Hammond's Addition. Many of these buildings are more substantial and ornate vernacular-styled frame dwellings with projecting bay windows, gingerbread decorations, decorative drip moldings and bracketed verandas. An excellent example is 228 Vine Street. A modest example of the Quenn Anne style at 301 Hammond Street features the dormers, projecting wings and bay windows common to the style.

The 1876 Mount Calvary Lutheran Church at 326 Front Street (MHT-AL-VI-D-135) was originally a typical meeting house church. An 1897 remodeling of the brick building shows the influence of the then popular Victorian Romanesque style. The facade, dominated by 2 towers, exhibits the round-headed arches and curvilinear shapes associated with the style. The 1891 Westernport Public School at 417-431 Hammond Street is eclectic in design, exhibiting the low hip roof and round-headed arches of the Italianate style.

Early twentieth century construction within Hammond's Addition is characterized by a continuation of the vernacular style popular late in the 19th century. A 20th century style, the Bungalow, appears further up the mountainside where later development occurred. These are typically one and one-half story dwellings with an overhanging gabled roof and oversized dormers. Examples are 217 Poplar Street and 464 Spruce Street. The bungalow at 464 Spruce Street is constructed of cast cement blocks.

An unusual cottage, probably dating from the early 20th century, is located at 219 Hammond Street. The one and one-half story frame dwelling has a steep pyramidal roof

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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History and Support

Westernport's late 18th century beginnings were the result of plans to improve the Potomac River making it navigable to the tributaries of the Ohio River to a point about 10 miles west of the town. The idea to improve the Potomac was first proposed by Maryland governor Thomas Johnson in a 1770 letter to George Washington. Washington, who owned vast tracts of land in the Ohio country, responded with a plan to establish an inland water route from the Potomac to the Mississippi Valley through the tributaries of the Ohio River.¹

The promising future and available water power of the area were recognized by Peter Devecmon, a Cumberland businessman, who in the 1780's purchased much of the future site of the town and erected a stone grist mill.² Later in the 18th century Devecmon's holdings were acquired by James Morrison and Adam Sigler. Around 1800, Morrison laid out a town and sold building lots to settlers.³ In 1802, the town known to its residents as "Hardscrabble" was named Westernport and made a post town.⁴

Although the promise of becoming the westernmost port on a navigable Potomac River was never realized, Westernport's favorable location at the southern end of the Georges Creek coal region insured the continued development of the town. As early as 1810 flatboats carried Georges Creek coal down the Potomac from Westernport.⁵

The railroad and coal industries provided the employment opportunities which were vital to the mid-19th century growth of Westernport and the adjacent town of Piedmont, WV. Construction of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad reached the site of Piedmont in 1851 and within 3 years rail facilities were built there.⁶ In 1856 the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad, which transported much of the coal produced in the mining region, established a rail connection with the B & O Railroad, making Westernport an important outlet for Georges Creek coal.⁷ The C & P Railroad established shops in Westernport during the 1860's or 1870's.⁸

The coal industry, like the railroads, played an important role in the mid-19th century development of Westernport. The many coal companies operating near Westernport

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Footnotes Page

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

May 1982

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle, Shaw House

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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during the 1860's included the Hampshire and Baltimore Coal Company. The Franklin Coal Company and the New Creek Coal Company.⁹

The increasing industrial activity in and around Westernport during the 1850's and 1860's created a need for building lots which was fulfilled in part by Thomas Hammond, a land speculator from Frederick County, Maryland.

In 1864 Hammond had S. Johnson lay out 267 building lots on a mountainside on the western side of Georges Creek near its confluence with the Potomac River.¹⁰ A plat of the development known as Hammond's Addition to the town of Westernport was filed at the Allegany County Land Records office in July, 1888 by George W. Spangler, the agent for Hammond's estate.¹¹

Houses in Hammond's Addition were built and owned by real estate speculators as well as private home owners. A typical real estate speculator was Mrs. Walter Hanna who in 1918¹² owned 7 dwellings in Hammond's Addition, four of them located on Hammond Street.

Footnotes

¹Stegmaier et al. Allegany County - A History, Parsons: McClain Printing Co., 1976 pp. 84-85.

²Ibid, pp. 85-86.

³Thomas Scharf, History of Western Maryland Vol. II, Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1882 p. 1463.

⁴Stegmaier et al., pp. 140-141.

⁵Katherine A. Harvey, The Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910, Ithica: Cornell University Press, 1969, p. 4.

⁶Town of Luke, Maryland: 50th Anniversary of Incorporation, 1922 through 1972, Luke; Privately Published, 1972, pp. 6-7.

⁷Thomas and Williams, History of Allegany County, Maryland Vol. I., Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1969, p. 538.

⁸Stegmaier et al, p. 211.

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⁹Scharf, pp. 1445-1447, and Thomas and Williams, pp. 455-456.

¹⁰Ibid. Liber 23, Folio 762.

¹¹Ibid. Plat Box #8.

¹²Allegany County Tax Assessments, 1918-1922, Election District 8.

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Hammond's Addition Historic District
(Continued #7 - Description)

with a shingle - covered eyebrow dormer.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries of Hammond's Addition Historic District include the highest occurrence of significant structures meeting National Register standards with Hammonds Addition to the town of Westernport.

WESTERNPORT

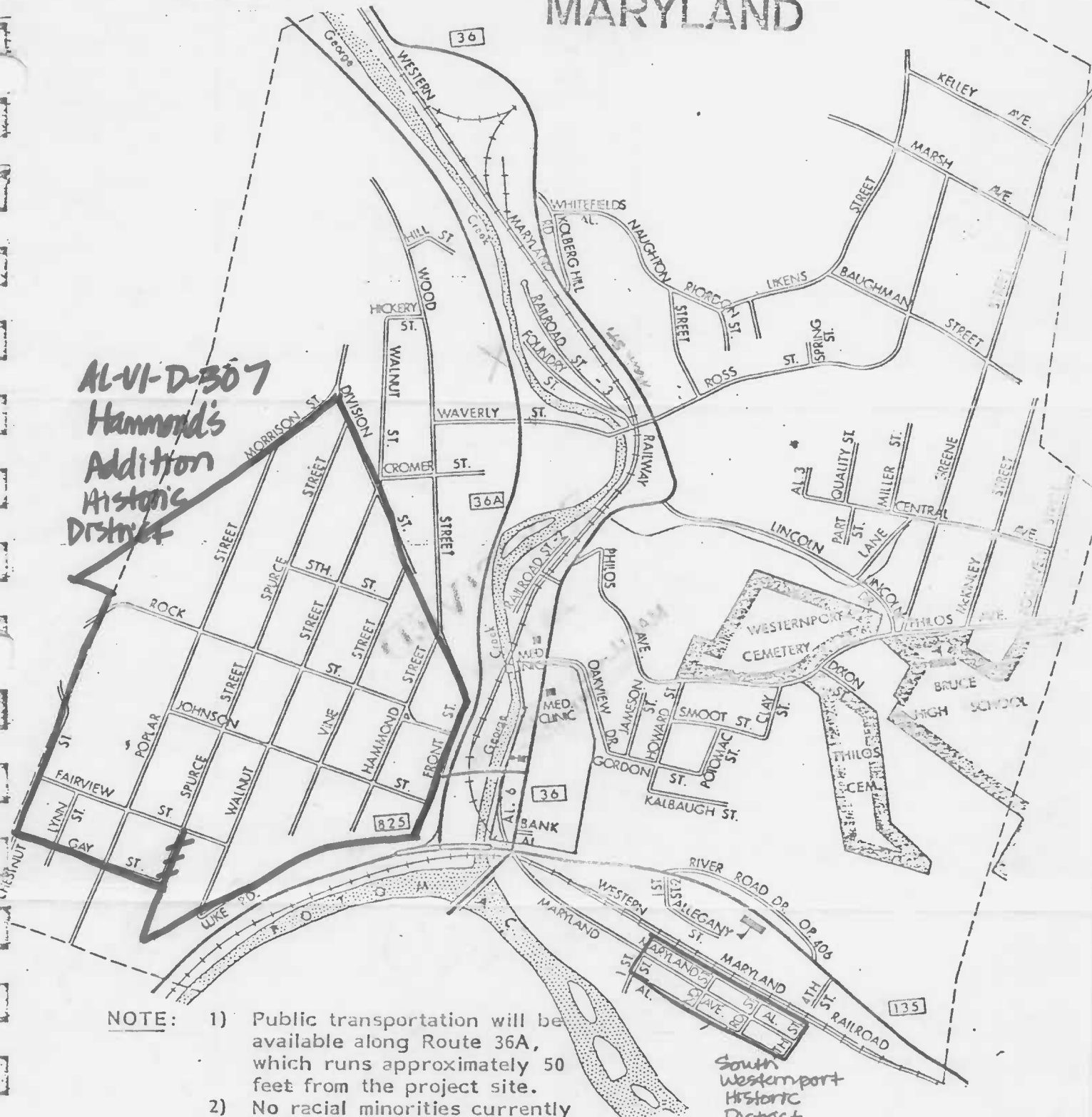
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MARYLAND

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Hammond's
Addition
Historic
District

- NOTE:**
- 1) Public transportation will be available along Route 36A, which runs approximately 50 feet from the project site.
 - 2) No racial minorities currently reside in Westernport or Election District 8 per 1980 Census data.

South
Westernport
Historic
District
AL-VI-D-310



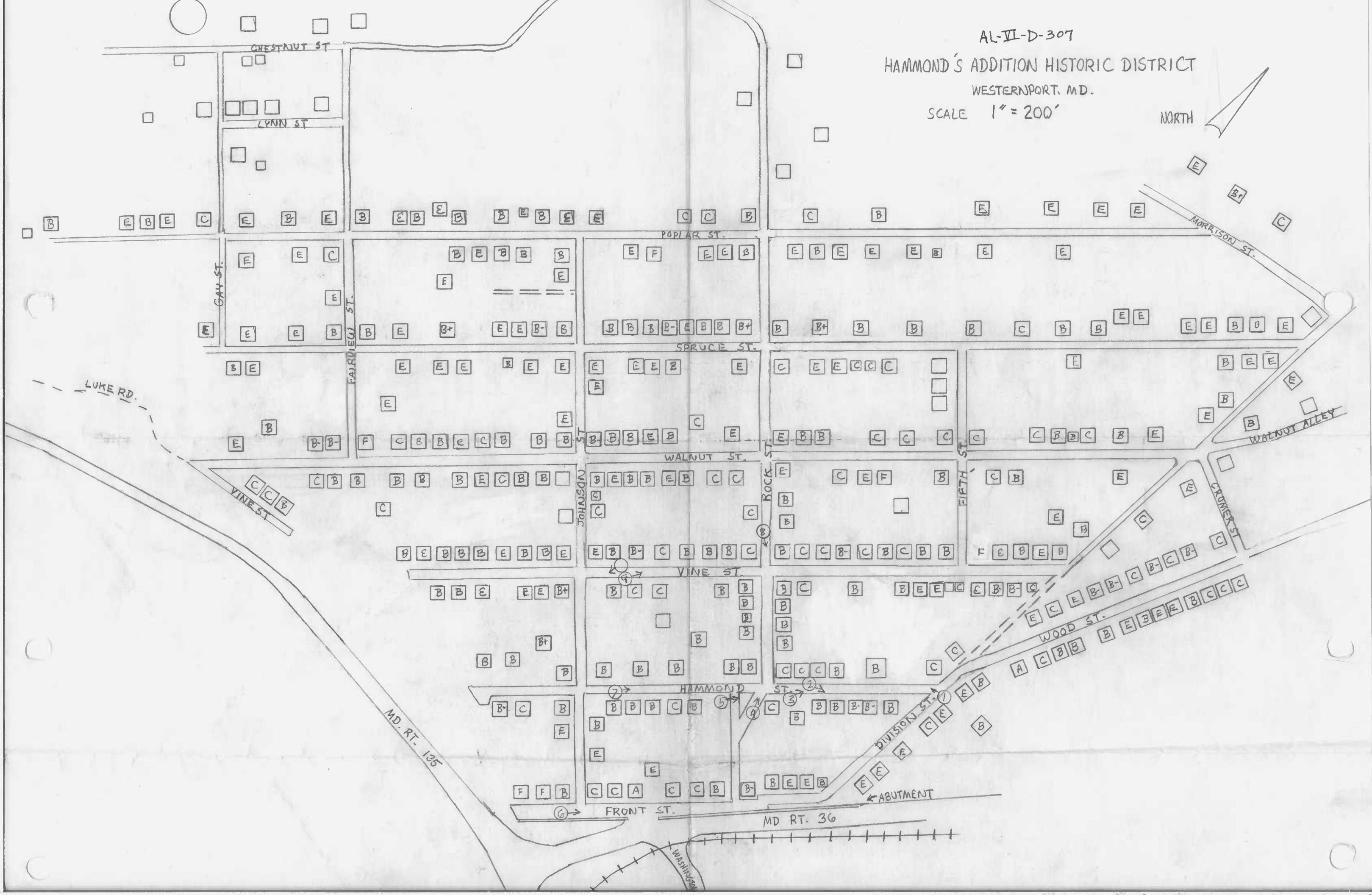
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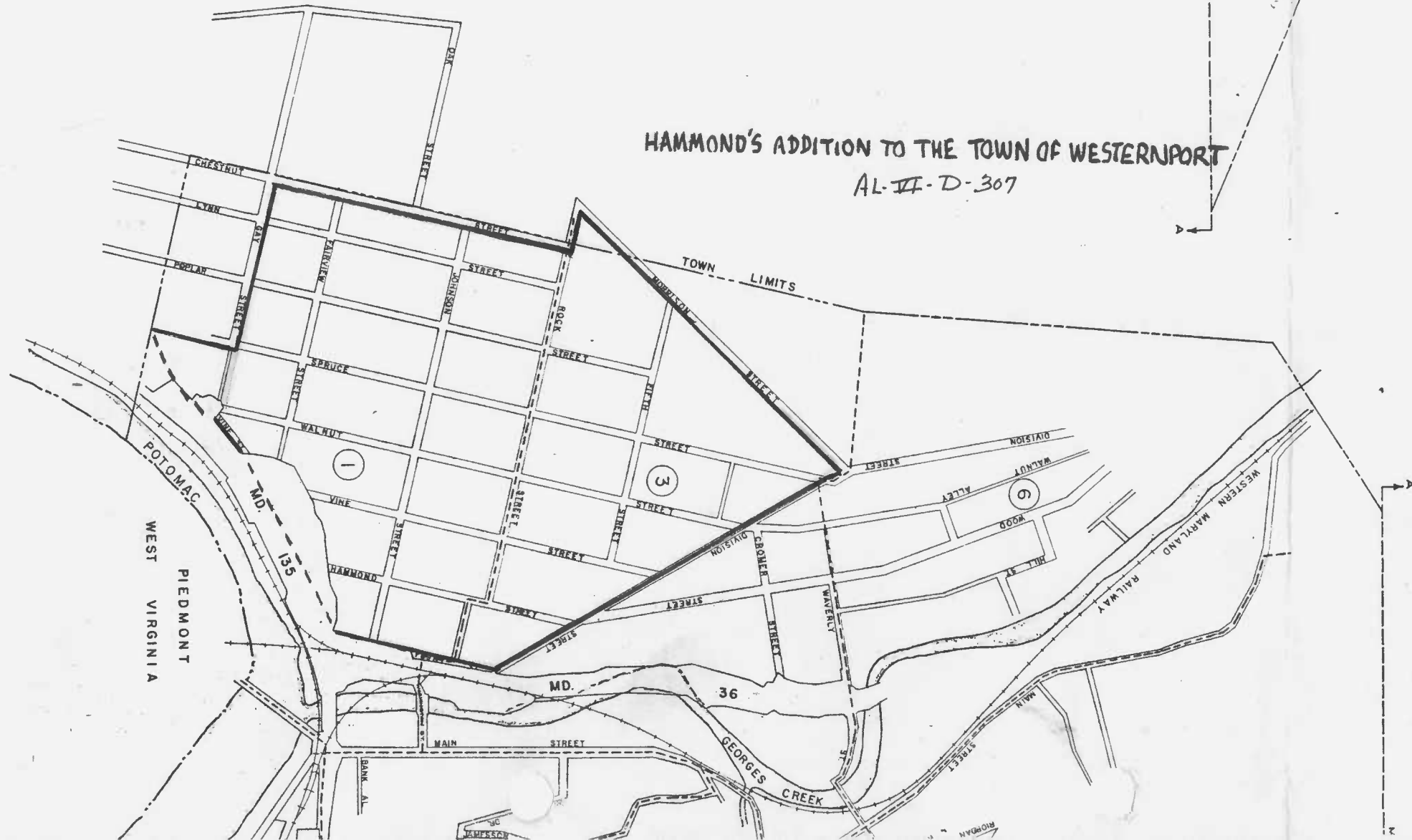
HAMMOND'S ADDITION HISTORIC DISTRICT

WESTERNPORT, MD.

SCALE 1" = 200'

NORTH





YLAND
AL SURVEY

WESTERNPORT QUADRANGLE
WEST VIRGINIA-MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NE/4 ELK GARDEN 15' QUADRANGLE



Westernport; MD; WV
USGS 7.5 Minute Series
Scale 1:24,000
1950; photorevised 1974

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Westernport, MD Route 35



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Hammond's Add. Historic Dist.

Allegany Co. 8/81

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Looking W (photo #1)



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Hammond's Add. Historic Dist.

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Looking NE (photo #2)



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Looking N (photo 3)



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Looking NW (photo #4)



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Looking N (Photo #5)



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Looking N (Photo #6)



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Hammond's Add. Historic Dist.
Allegany Co. 1/82

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Looking N (photo #7)



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Hammond's Add. Historic Dist.

Allegany Co. 2/82

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Looking SE (Photo #8)



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Looking N (photo #9)



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